







The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of FEBRUARY 2020

<p>Friday 7</p>	<p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>Our favourite art expert, Jane Choy, will visit the Club for another of her inspiring presentations, this time on Holland - Frozen in Time. Nowadays, Dutch Winters tend to be quite mild, but in the 17th century there were lengthy periods of severe frost, thick layers of snow, and frozen lakes and canals where people skated. Many painters of the Dutch Golden Age captured these scenes for posterity, and Jane will reveal how the genre developed. She will tell us about some of the well-known 'specialists' such as Hendrick Avercamp, but also other painters including van Ruisdael, van Goyen and even Rembrandt.</i></p> <p>We need to make a small charge of €5.00 per person, payable in advance to Deppy Karavassilis. Please sign up at the Club, or mail ActivitiesBCH@gmail.com</p> <p>Jane's presentation will take place in the Bar area. If you do not wish to attend, the Library will be open, as well as the Atrium.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	
<p>Friday 14</p>	<p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>Hazel has selected a topic of great concern and topicality for February's General Discussion: Climate Change. Unprecedented fires and winds have ravaged parts of Australia. It is expected that in many parts of the world, there will be an increasing number of extreme weather conditions of various kinds. The term climate change is often to be heard - in combination with another term: man-made. What do we feel is our personal responsibility for the future of the planet? In what aspects of our life can we at least try not to cause too much damage? One may think of areas such as food, clothing, recycling, waste, transport.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	
			

<p>Friday 21</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p>'The Seniors' is a category of membership discontinued some years ago, but there are still some Club Members who are strictly 'Seniors', and their welfare is co-ordinated by Luise van der Meer. On 3rd Fridays, they have an Open Table, when non-Seniors can join them at their special table for coffee and conversation.</p> <p>We are delighted to bring back BCH Craft Mornings! Do you have a knitting project on the go? Or embroidery or cross-stitch at the back of a cupboard that you would like to finish? If so, then come along to our Craft Morning. Any easily portable craft will be welcome. Would you like to learn to knit or crochet? We can help with that too. Judy and Kathleen will be your hosts, and they plan to hold sessions every other month. See you for coffee and crafting in a very relaxed atmosphere!</p> <p>Bridge: John Macfarlane will not be available this week.</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	  
<p>Friday 28</p>	<p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p>By popular request, the book choice for February's Readers' Discussion Group is The Cut-Out Girl, by Bart van Es. He tells the story of Lien, a young Jewish girl, and the network of Dutch families who risk their lives to hide her during the Second World War. Bart van Es is not only the author but also the grandson of Lien's foster parents. He recounts his tracing of Lien, and her harrowing story. In the process, he also solves the mystery surrounding the subsequent rift between Lien and his grandparents. Kathleen van Velthoven will lead the discussion of a book which will be particularly appropriate as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	